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SUBJ: IRANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD NEW AFGHAN GOVERNEMENT

1. SEVERAL EDITORIALS IN TEHRAN PRESS REFER TO STATEMENT
MADE TO MAJLES (PARLIAMENT) BY MINSTATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY
AFFAIRS RAMBOD MAY 2 TO THE EFFECT THAT GOI POLICY REMAINS,
AS ALWAYS, TO REFRAIN FROM INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL
AFFAIRS OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND TO SEEK MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL
TIES WITH ALL ITS NEIGHBORS.

2. STATEMENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT AFGHANISTAN NO LESS THAN
IRAN HAS AN INTEREST IN THE STABILITY AND ORDERLY DEVELOP-
MENT OF THIS REGION, ALONG WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES SHARE A
LONG BORDER. BESIDES, THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE LINKED
BY SHARED HISTORY, RELIGION, CULTURE, AND LANGUAGE, AND
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THESE CONSIDERATIONS HAVE ALWAYS ACTIVATED
IRANIANS TO TAKE SATISFACTION IN A PROSPEROUS, STRONG,
AND INDEPENDENT AFGHANISTAN.

3. THE STATEMENT AND EDITORIALS NOTED THAT IRAN WILL
BE WATCHING DEVELOPMENTS CAREFULLY WITH THESE
PRINCIPLES IN MIND.

4. THE EDITORIALS WOULD HARDLY HAVE GIVEN SUCH WIDE
PLAY TO RAMBOD'S WORDS WITHOUT OFFICIAL SANCTION. THEY
CAN BE TAKEN REASONABLY AUTHORITATIVE INDICATIONS OF GOI PUBLIC
POLICY AND GOI HOPES FROM THE NEW AFGHAN GOVERNEMENT. FOR
THE TIME BEING.

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